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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Todd Wirges et al

Application No./Patent No.: 10/567,295

Filed/Issue Date: February 6, 2006

Entitled: SWITCHABLE HYDROBUSHING

Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership, a general partnership

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest

The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018229, Frame 0167, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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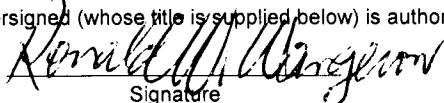
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

  
Signature

October 13, 2006  
Date

Ronald W. Wangerow

734-354-5445

Printed or Typed Name

Telephone Number

Intellectual Property Counsel

Title

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignors, have invented

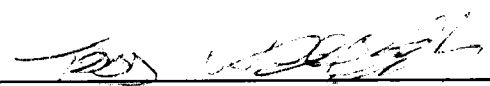
### SWITCHABLE HYDROBUSHING

for which a United States Utility Patent Application, U.S. Serial No. 10/567,295, was filed February 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, **Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership**, having a place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignors by this written document do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention described above, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignors hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States application for patent and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefore for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee.

Date: 8/2/06

By:   
Todd Wirges

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Price

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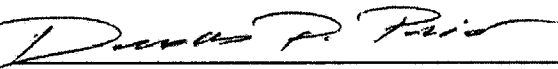
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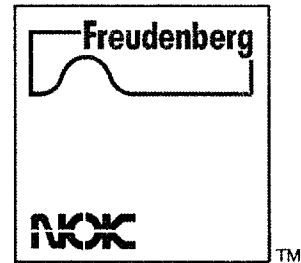
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Wirges

Date: 08 Sep 2006

By:   
Donald Price

**Freudenberg-NOK  
General Partnership**



**Delegation of Signature Authority – Legal Filings**

Pursuant to the attached Unanimous Written Resolution of the Partners' Board of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership ("FNGP" or "Company"), which was signed at the Partners' Board Meeting on May 10, 2004, I, Robert G. Evans, Vice President & General Counsel of FNGP, do hereby delegate to Ronald W. Wangerow, Intellectual Property Counsel of FNGP, the following authority: -

in conjunction with the intellectual property rights or interests of the Company, to execute and file documents including but not limited to applications, appearances, registrations, and certificates, in or with any appropriate governmental issuing entity or agency, that are necessary for the procurement, prosecution, maintenance and/or renewal of patents, trademarks and/or copyright interests;

and such signature and delivery of any such document shall be conclusive evidence of Ronald W. Wangerow's authority to do so on behalf of the Company.

The forgoing Delegation of Signature Authority – Legal Filings shall be effective as of the date indicated below and shall continue to be effective until revoked in writing by me or by the Partners' Board of FNGP.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert G. Evans", written over a horizontal line.

Robert G. Evans  
Vice President & General Counsel  
Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Wangerow", written over a horizontal line.

Witness

Date June 4, 2004

**Unanimous Written Resolution of the  
Partners' Board of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership  
("FNGP")**

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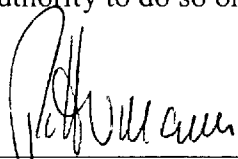
**Resolution for Signature Authority – Legal Filings**

WHEREAS, the Partners' Board of FNGP is charged with the responsibility to manage the affairs of FNGP: and

WHEREAS, the day to day business of FNGP is conducted by the officers of FNGP,

NOW THEREFORE it is

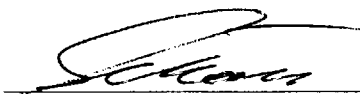
RESOLVED that the Vice President & General Counsel ("General Counsel") of the Company, and any attorney employed by the Company to whom the General Counsel delegates such authority in writing, is authorized: (1) in conjunction with litigation, mediation, arbitration or other dispute resolution proceedings, to execute and file documents including but not limited to complaints, declarations, petitions, stipulations, motions, answers, dismissals, denials, releases, certificates, demands, settlement agreements and notices; and (2) in conjunction with the intellectual property rights or interests of the Company, to execute and file documents including but not limited to applications, appearances, registrations, and certificates, in or with any appropriate governmental issuing entity or agency, that are necessary for the procurement, prosecution, maintenance and/or renewal of patents, trademarks and/or copyright interests; and such signature and delivery of any such document shall be conclusive evidence of such attorney's authority to do so on behalf of the Company.

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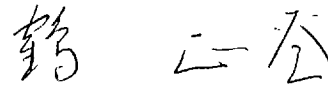
Dr. Peter Bettermann

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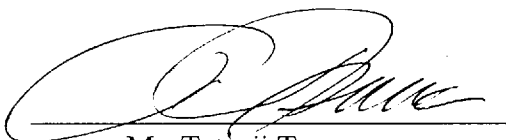
Dr. Peter Stehle

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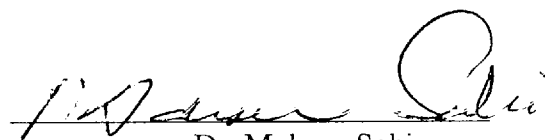
Dr. Ernst Schön

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Mr. Masato Tsuru

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Mr. Tetsuji Tsuru

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohsen Sohi".

Dr. Mohsen Sohi